

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1 through 20 are currently pending in the application.

Claims 1 through 20 have been amended herein. No new matter has been entered to the disclosure as the amendment clearly complies with 35 U.S.C. § 132. The amendments are made without prejudice or disclaimer. Please note that all claims currently pending and under consideration in the referenced application are shown below. Please enter these claims as amended and replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for informing a user in a GUI environment whether an output device is currently ~~ready~~ warmed up for printing, the method comprising: determining whether the output device is ~~ready~~ warmed up for printing; providing a first indication to the user if the output device is not ~~ready~~ warmed up for printing; and providing a second indication to the user if the output device is ~~ready~~ warmed up for printing.
2. (Currently Amended) The method ~~in~~ according to claim 1, wherein: providing the first indication comprises presenting a button in a first color; and providing the second indication comprises presenting the button in a second color.
3. (Currently Amended) The method ~~in~~ according to claim 2, wherein: presenting the button comprises presenting the button on an application button bar.
4. (Currently Amended) The method ~~in~~ according to claim 2, wherein: presenting the button comprises presenting the button on a printer properties menu.

5. (Currently Amended) The method ~~in~~ according to claim 1, wherein:
the method further comprises:
 receiving a status indication from the output device; and
the determining whether the output device is ~~ready~~ warmed up for printing comprises
 utilizing the status indication.
6. (Currently Amended) The method ~~in~~ according to claim 5, further comprising:
requesting the status indication from the output device.
7. (Currently Amended) The method ~~in~~ according to claim 1, wherein:
providing the first indication comprises presenting a first button; and
providing the second indication comprises presenting a second button.
8. (Currently Amended) The method ~~in~~ according to claim 1, further comprising:
accepting a request to ~~ready~~ warm up the output device for printing; and
notifying the output device to become ~~ready~~ warmed up for printing.
9. (Currently Amended) The method ~~in~~ according to claim 8, further comprising:
receiving a notification from the output device that the output device is ~~ready~~ warmed
 up for printing.
10. (Currently Amended) The method ~~in~~ according to claim 9, further comprising:
providing the second indication to the user in response to receiving the notification
 from the output device that the output device is ~~ready~~ warmed up for printing.

11. (Currently Amended) A system configured to inform a user in a GUI environment whether an output device is currently ~~ready~~ warmed up for printing, the system comprising:
 - a computer instruction storage medium containing:
 - a set of computer instructions for determining whether the output device is ~~ready~~ warmed up for printing;
 - a set of computer instructions for providing a first indication to the user if the output device is not ~~ready~~ warmed up for printing; and
 - a set of computer instructions for providing a second indication to the user if the output device is ~~ready~~ warmed up for printing.
12. (Currently Amended) The system in claim-~~11~~ 11, wherein:
 - the set of computer instructions for providing the first indication comprises a set of computer instructions for presenting a button in a first color; and
 - the set of computer instructions for providing the second indication comprises a set of computer instructions for presenting the button in a second color.
13. (Currently Amended) The system in claim-~~12~~ 12, wherein:
 - the sets of computer instructions for presenting the button comprise computer instructions for presenting the button on an application button bar.
14. (Currently Amended) The system in claim-~~12~~ 12, wherein:
 - the sets of computer instructions for presenting the button comprise computer instructions for presenting the button on a printer properties menu.

15. (Currently Amended) The system in claim-~~11~~ 11, wherein:
the computer instruction storage medium further contains:
a set of computer instructions for receiving a status indication from the output device; and
the set of computer instructions for determining whether the output device is ~~ready~~ warmed up for printing comprises computer instructions utilizing the status indication.
16. (Currently Amended) The system in claim-~~15~~ 15, wherein the computer instruction storage medium further contains:
a set of computer instructions for requesting the status indication from the output device.
17. (Currently amended) The ~~method-system~~ in claim-~~11~~ 11, wherein:
the set of computer instructions for computer instructions for providing the first indication comprises a set of computer instructions for presenting a first button; and
the set of computer instructions for providing the second indication comprises a set of computer instructions for presenting a second button.
18. (Currently Amended) The system in claim-~~11~~ 11, wherein the computer instruction storage medium further contains:
a set of computer instructions for accepting a request to ~~ready~~ warm up the output device for printing; and
a set of computer instructions for notifying the output device to become ~~ready~~ warmed up for printing.

19. (Currently Amended) The system in claim ~~18~~ 18, wherein the computer instruction storage medium further contains:
a set of computer instructions for receiving a notification from the output device that the output device is ~~ready~~ warmed up for printing.
20. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium containing computer instructions for:
determining whether an output device is ~~ready~~ sufficiently heated for printing;
providing a first indication to a user if the output device is not ~~ready~~ sufficiently heated for printing; and
providing a second indication to the user if the output device is ~~ready~~ sufficiently heated for printing.